

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week Ending September 2, 2016
Air Division

Significant Items for Last Week (August 29 – September 2)

Training for Navajo Workers to Install Cleaner Stoves: During the week of August 29, EPA hosted trainings in Window Rock and Shiprock for Navajo workers installing cleaner burning and more efficient wood, gas, and pellet stoves. Trained workers will be needed to implement the stove change-out program under the Four Corners Power Plant settlement agreement, which will fund approximately 750 new stoves for Navajo households. (Contact: Kathleen Stewart, 7-4119)

USDA Agriculture Air Quality Task Force: On August 31, we toured San Joaquin Valley (SJV) agriculture fields within the Tulare Lakebed region with representatives from USDA's Agriculture Air Quality Task Force and the Safflower Growers Association. The tour was focused on opportunities to reduce direct particulate matter (PM) emissions to support SJV attaining PM air quality standards. (Contact: Meredith Kurpius, 7-4534)

Final Technical Systems Audit (TSA) Report for Washoe County Health District: On August 30, we issued the final TSA report for the Washoe County Health District's (WCHD) ambient air monitoring program. In general, we found that the WCHD ambient air monitoring program was robust though there were areas that the program could improve. WCHD is required to submit a detailed corrective action plan, which will address all the findings in the final TSA report. (Contact: Anna Mebust, 2-3265)

Final Technical System Audit (TSA) Report for California Air Resources Board: On August 31, we issued the final TSA report for California Air Resources Board (CARB) and three air districts within its Primary Quality Assurance Organization (PQAO). In general, we found that CARB has made substantial organizational and process improvements since the previous 2011 TSA, including the addition of new staff, restructuring to enhance independent oversight, and overall strengthening of the PQAO. We also identified areas where the program can continue to make improvements, which CARB will address in a corrective action plan. (Contact: Gwen Yoshimura, 7-4134)

Significant Items for This Week (September 5 – September 9)

Interagency Agreement (IA) with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) for EPA support on wildfires: [REDACTED] Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED]. They can be deployed on 2-week details, paid by the Forest Service, in response to active wildfires. (Contact: Stephanie Valentine, 2-3014)

Antelope Transportation Outreach Program: [REDACTED] Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Contact: Jeff Buss, 7-4152)

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District Prevention of Significant Deterioration Rule: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Sheila Tsai, 2-3328)

Tribal Renewable Energy Workshop. On September 7 and 8, we will participate in two panel discussions at a Department of Interior's Tribal Renewable Energy Workshop in Golden, Colorado. **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Ben Machol, 2-3770)

National Agriculture Air Quality Task Force Meeting: On September 8-9, we will represent EPA at the National Ag Air Quality Task Force meeting in Sacramento. (Contact: Meredith Kurpius, 7-4534)

Significant Items for Next Week (September 12 – September 16)

San Joaquin Valley Denial of Request to Extend 1997 PM_{2.5} NAAQS Attainment Deadline: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Rory Mays, 2-3227)

Deputy Administrator Visit: On September 12, EPA Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg will meet with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Port of Oakland and directors of the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project to discuss mitigation of air impacts from the Port of Oakland and the former Oakland Army Base. Community members have raised environmental justice and civil rights concerns. (Contact: Richard Grow, 7-4104)

Approval to Construct Electricity Generating Facility: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

The Hawaii Electric Company is proposing to install and operate a 50-megawatt power generation plant in Schofield Barracks, located in Wahiawa, Oahu. The Schofield Generating Station will consist of six reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE) capable of burning biofuels, diesel, and biofuel/diesel blends. (Contact: Manny Aquitania, 2-3977).

San Joaquin Valley (SVJ) Proposed Finding of Failure to attain 1997 PM_{2.5} standard: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Rory Mays, 2-3227)

California Emissions Inventory for 2008 Ozone: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

Deliberative Process (b) They are Calaveras County, Chico, Mariposa Country, San Francisco Bay Area and San Luis Obispo County nonattainment areas. (Contact: Nancy Levin, 2-3848)

Ventura and South Coast Major Modifications Rules: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

The rules make minor changes to the Districts' New Source Review programs. (Contact: Laura Lawrence, 2-3407)

Coachella 1997 Ozone Plan: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Tom Kelly 2-3856)

Ozone Clean Data Determination for Mariposa and San Luis Obispo: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Nancy Levin, 2-3848)

Significant Items for the Next Two to Three Weeks (September 19 – October 7)

Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) Revisions for Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP): **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Anita Lee, 2-3958)

South Coast Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT): **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

(Contact: Stanley Tong, 7-4112; Jim Shears, 4-1810)

Pinal Agriculture, Construction, and Fugitive Dust Rules: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

These include regulations affecting agricultural, construction and other fugitive dust sources. (Contact: Christine Vineyard, 7-4125, and Nancy Levin, 2-3848)

Imperial Valley Attainment Plan for the PM_{2.5} Standard: **Deliberative Process (b) (5)**

The plan includes a demonstration that the area would have attained the standard in 2012 but for emissions from Mexico. (Contact: Ginger Vagenas, 2-3964)

McElmo Creek Unit Oil Production Facility PSD Permit, Navajo Nation: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

The facility consists of an oilfield and gas compression plant, and is located within the Four Corners area of the Navajo Nation. (Shaheerah Kelly: 7-4156)

Imperial Valley Air District New Source Review Rule: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

These rules contain air permitting and New Source Review provisions. (Contact: Laura Yannayon, 2-3534)

Significant Items for the Next 30-60 Days

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities in California on Tribal Lands: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

(Contact: Lisa Beckham, 2-3811)

West Coast Climate Strategies Forum in San Diego. On October 19, we will participate in a panel discussion on aligning regional actions with state and federal policy. Deliberative Process (b) (5)

[REDACTED]

(Contact: Ben Machol, 2-3770)

Travel, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

Acting Division Director Schedule: Internal Personnel (b) (2)

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